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Reintroduce pouring of libation at national events; Prophet tells Mahama

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The Spiritual Leader of Prophets and Spiritual Churches Council has petitioned President Mahama to reintroduce the pouring of libation during national events.

According to Nakoa Nazareth Ansah Jamson, the nation flouted the natural law of God when the traditional prayers were stopped during Prof. Atta Mills' administration.

Ghana is largely a Christian country with a sizable Muslim minority. The country's Christian population stands at 71.2%; Muslims constitute 17.6%; and traditional believers making 5.2%, according to the 2010 census.

Until 2011, traditional prayers, characterized by pouring of libation, were said together with Christian and Muslim prayers at state functions.

But Nakoa Jamson, who is also the Founder and Leader of the Israel King of Jews Church, told a section of the media that the decision by the late President John Mills to abolish traditional prayers at national events was a mistake.

Just as the aeroplane needs three tyres to take off, the Prophet analysed, the country needs the three religious groups to give it the momentum to take off in terms of development.



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"At the next national event, traditional prayers should be said and the chiefs should be allowed to pour libation because pouring of libation is not idol worshipping as people, including big time pastors, ignorantly suggest," he defended.

"It is regrettable that we have been deceived and therefore departed from the ways of our forefathers," he said wearing a disappointed look.

Performing traditional rites (amandi3 in Akan) at state event (Amanbr3) is biblical which God endorses even in the days of Moses and Jesus, he argued.

God has given every land (country) a tradition to observe, he recalled, referring to instruction given by God to Moses to pour libation using fermented drink.

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He quoted Numbers 28: 1-8 to back his claim. The verse 7 (NIV) states: "The accompanying drink offering is to be a quarter of a hin of fermented drink with each lamb. Pour out the drink offering to the Lord at the sanctuary."

'Quarter' is a popular measurement at drinking bars where hard liquor especially akpeteshi (locally made gin) is sold. The use of 'quarter' in such places, he intimated traces its root to the Bible where God required all the content (quarter in volume) is poured in prayers for him.

This is the reason why when people order for liquor, they lift the content up to God but unfortunately pour out negligible drops for prayers and drink the remaining, he explained.

Nakoa was however quick to point out that drinking the liquor "is improper".

"When all the content (quarter) is poured and you called the name of anaananom (the spirit of our forefathers) in prayers as done during national events like the Independence Day is not wrong," he asserted.

To further buttress his petition to reinstate traditional prayers at state functions, Nakoa quoted Luke 2 where Jesus was presented in the Temple for certain rites "required by the Law of Moses" were observed, according to God's own recommendation. He explained the law of Moses as particular traditional rites that existed for a particular group in the era of Moses

He insisted that God has given every land a particular traditional rite (amandi3) that he required its people to obey and observe during certain periods in God's honour.

To demonstrate that pouring libation is of biblical relevance, the Leader of the Israel King of Jews Church poured libation in addition to burnt offering when he dedicated the Church's ultramodern edifice, Yahwe Yi're Temple at Atomic roundabout.

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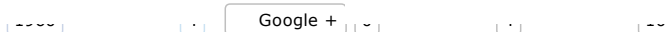
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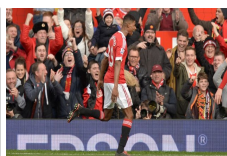
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